



# CIRCLE OF SAINTS CIRCULO DE SANTOS

ST. PATRICK, TAMA • ST. JOSEPH, CHELSEA • ST. MICHAEL, BELLE PLAINE

## Office

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**Monday - Thursday:** 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**Friday:** 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

## St. Michael Office

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**Wednesday & Thursday:** 8 AM - 3 PM

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### XIX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“For at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - *Lc 12:40*

AUGUST 10, 2025



Porque a la hora en que menos lo piensen vendrá el Hijo del hombre". - *Lc 12:40*

10 DE AGOSTO DEL 2025

### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Thursday, August 14 - Vigil Mass [Bilingual]**

St. Patrick - Tama at 6 PM

**Friday, August 15**

St. Michael - Belle Plaine at 8:30 AM

### SOLEMNIDAD DE LA ASUNCIÓN DE LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA

#### DIA SANTO DE OBLIGACIÓN

**Jueves 14 de agosto - Misa de Vigilia**

Bilingüe en San Patricio - Tama a las 6 PM

**Viernes 15 de agosto**

San Miguel - Belle Plaine a las 8:30 AM

## Mass Times

### Saturday

4:30 PM: St. Joseph - Chelsea

### Sunday

8:30 AM: St. Michael - Belle Plaine

10:30 AM: St. Patrick - Tama

12 PM: St. Patrick - Tama [Spanish]

## Daily Mass

### Tuesday

5:30 PM: St. Patrick - Tama [Bilingual]

### Wednesday

8:30 AM: St. Joseph - Chelsea

### Thursday

8:30 AM: St. Michael - Belle Plaine

### Friday

8 AM: St. Patrick - Tama

## Adoration

### Tuesday

6 PM - 8 PM: St. Patrick - Tama

[Healing Prayer offered at St. Patrick during this time]

### Wednesday

9 AM - 12 PM: St. Joseph Chelsea

### Thursday

9 AM - 4 PM: St. Michael - Belle Plaine

### Friday

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM: St. Patrick - Tama

## Weekly Reconciliation

### Tuesday

6 PM: St. Patrick - Tama

### Wednesday

9 AM: St. Joseph - Chelsea

### Thursday

9 AM: St. Michael - Belle Plaine

### Saturday

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM: St. Joseph - Chelsea

## Nursing Home Mass

### First Wednesday

10:15 AM: Premier Estates - Toledo

### Second Thursday

10 AM: Specialty Care - Belle Plaine

### Third Wednesday

10:15 AM: Sunny Hill - Tama

### Fourth Wednesday

11 AM: Birkwood Village - Toledo

## Our Mission

*We are here to form spirit - filled missionary disciples of Jesus Christ for the Glory of God.*

## Nuestra Misión

*Estamos aquí para formar discípulos misioneros de Jesucristo llenos del espíritu para la gloria de Dios.*

**Bulletin submissions  
are due by  
Monday at noon.**

# Know Your Faith



## Mary-The Mother of God

The Catholic Church teaches that Mary is the Mother of God (Theotokos) because she conceived and gave birth to Jesus Christ, who is both fully God and fully human. This understanding is rooted in the belief that Jesus is the Second Person of the Trinity, and Mary's role as his mother makes her the mother of the divine person of Jesus.

According to Catholic theologian Tim Staples, the most common objection to Mary as Mother of God, especially from Fundamentalists, but not limited to them, is, "The words 'Mother of God' are nowhere to be found in the Bible. Therefore, I will not accept it as true." But as he explains, the word "Trinity" is not found in Scripture, yet most Christians hold the existence of the Trinity (God-the Father, God-the Son, and God-The Holy Spirit) as a common truth.

Here's a more detailed explanation of why Mary is The Mother of God:

**Jesus is God:** As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is not just a human person, but also true God, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

**Mary is Jesus's mother:** We recognize Mary as the woman who conceived and gave birth to Jesus, as described in the Gospels.

**The logic of Theotokos:** If Jesus is God and Mary is Jesus's mother, then it logically follows that Mary is the Mother of God.

**Council of Ephesus:** The title "Theotokos" (God-bearer) was officially affirmed by the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD to emphasize that Jesus is one divine person, not two separate persons (one human and one divine).

**Not worship, but veneration:** While we Catholics honor Mary with special devotion (veneration), we do not worship her. Worship (*latria*) is reserved for God alone.

**Mary's unique role:** Mary's role as the Mother of God is seen as unique and vital, as she cooperated with God's plan of salvation by bringing Jesus into the world. Mary did not provide Jesus with either his divine nature or his immortal human soul, she is still *his* mother because she did not give birth to just a body, a soul, a nature, or even two natures—she gave birth to a *person-Jesus*. And that one person is God.

**Not just biological motherhood:** The Church emphasizes that Mary's motherhood is not just biological, but also a spiritual and unique relationship with her Son, Jesus. We will cover more about that in another article.

## Parish News & Events

**SJ/SM Knights will be meeting** Monday, August 11 at 7:30 PM at St. Michael parish hall.

**St. Patrick Date Night will be** on Sunday, August 17 at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria. Please RSVP for daycare at [641] 484-3646.

**Healing Hearts Group** [loss of spouse] there will be **NO** gatherings during August and September. The group will resume in October. Any questions call Mary Cibula at [641] 751-8467.

Collections July 27, 2025			
	St. Patrick	St. Michael	St. Joseph
<b>Envelopes</b>	5,796.00	1,892.00	505.00
<b>Cash</b>	908.00	95.00	127.00
<b>Electronic</b>	340.00	153.80	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,044.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,140.80</b>	<b>\$ 632.00</b>
Budgeted	5,269.00	2,600.00	1,460.00



**Journey in Faith**

Trust. Transform. Together.

### Why "Journey in Faith"?

The following information is from the *Journey in Faith* Archdiocesan website. You may read more about this important initiative at:

<https://www.dbqjourneyinfaith.org/>.

The name Journey in Faith draws inspiration from the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35), where two disciples, struggling with uncertainty, are joined by the risen Christ on their path. Though they do not recognize Him at first, they come to see Him clearly in the breaking of the bread—and are transformed by the encounter.

In the Emmaus Story the disciple's hearts were burning within them (Holy Spirit). They were transformed through the journey with Jesus. The disciples had to trust; recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, they were then sent on mission.

Our hope for this journey is that all recognize Jesus and become missionary disciples. After the death of Jesus many were downcast and some are downcast now about the future, but we must have hope for the future and be open to the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is walking with us and our eyes need to be open and our hearts burning. There is the element of salvation history that had to be revealed. There was new life in Christ and He is still here with us. In the breaking of the Bread he is giving of self.

Like those disciples, we in the Archdiocese of Dubuque are walking a path of faith, trusting that Christ is with us even in times of change. Journey in Faith is not just about restructuring—it's about renewal, accompaniment, and mission. It's about deepening our encounter with Christ, strengthening our communities through the Eucharist, and being sent forth to share the Good News.

The Holy Spirit is calling us forward together — to TRUST each other, to TRANSFORM our Church, and to do it TOGETHER. If we walk this path with courage, with faith, and with love — listening to one another and to God — we can renew our Church and build something lasting for generations to come.

## Community News

**FCSLA Life Scholarship:** The FCSLA Life is offering four \$500 scholarships for members of Lodge W130 who are full-time students at an accredited college, junior college, or trade school. Deadline is August 18, 2025. For applications, contact Bev Colvin at 319-239-4180 or colvinbev@gmail.com, or visit the FCSLA Life website.

## Staff

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## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 9**

**4:30 PM - SJ:** Bernie & Violet Upah

**Sunday, August 10**

**8:30 AM - SM:** George & Alice Smith

**10:30 AM - SP:** Marlus Svoboda

**12 PM - SPS:** Pro Populo

**Tuesday, August 12**

**5:30 PM - SP:** Brian Benda

**Wednesday, August 13**

**8:30 AM - SJ:** Wesley Posekany

**Thursday, August 14**

**8:30 AM - SM:** Paul Hinschberger

**6 PM - SP:** Joseph & Julia Benda

**Friday, August 15**

**8:30 AM - SM:** Phyllis Cornelius

**Saturday, August 16**

**4:30 PM - SJ:** Madison Intention

**Sunday, August 17**

**8:30 AM - SM:** Joey & Darlene Breja

**10:30 AM - SP:** Michael Henle

**12 PM - SPS:** Pro Populo

## Minister Schedule

### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. Joseph - Chelsea**

**Saturday, August 16 at 4:30 PM**

**Lector:** Dale Howe

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Bob Howe,

Janice Upah, Jamie Kupka, Ron Kratoska

**Hospitality Ministers:** Randy Balvin,

Tom L. Upah

**Altar Servers:** Annie Balvin, Wes Behounek

**Money Counters:** Paul & Barb Svoboda,

Ellen Waterbury

**St. Michael - Belle Plaine**

**Sunday, August 17 at 8:30 AM**

**Lector:** Doug Johnson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deb Chekal, Doug

Dvorak, Wayne Parizek, Carol Petersen

**Hospitality Ministers:** Roger Silhanek,

Carolyn Silhanek

**Altar Servers:** Taylor Johnson,

Quinlee Gallagher, Maria Argo

**Money Counters:** Vickie Brown, Pam Brown

**St. Patrick - Tama [English]**

**Sunday, August 17 at 10:30 AM**

**Lector:** Marvin Bohnstengel

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Robert Husak,

Laurence Husak, Eric Slagle

**Hospitality Ministers:** Robert Husak,

Laurence Husak

**Altar Servers:** Arianna Slagle, Wyatt Feisel

**Money Counters:** Dorothy Benda,

Marce Nekola, Julie Hagerty

**San Patricio - Tama [Español]**

**Domingo 17 de agosto al mediodía**

**Lector:** Juan Martinez, Veronica Castanon

**Ministros Eucarísticos:** Juana Castro,

Fernando Castro, Maria Lux

**Ministros de hospedaje:** Eric Guadiana,

Maria Galvez, Heidy Herrera, Norma Herrera

**Monaguillos:** Regina Soto, Rafael Vazquez

## August 80+ Birthdays

Aug 4 - Robert Upah  
Aug 10 - Wayne DeMeulenaere  
Aug 15 - Eugene Ledvina  
Aug 17 - Joann Kupka  
Aug 19 - Patricia McBride  
Aug 19 - Larry Yuska  
Aug 21 - Francis Behounek  
Aug 21 - Ken Even  
Aug 22 - Gary Formanek  
Aug 23 - Constance Ternus  
Aug 25 - Jack DeMeyer  
Aug 26 - Don Vorwald  
Aug 27 - Dennis Novotny  
Aug 28 - Vincent Barloon

## August Special Anniversaries

Richard & Mary Kendall [53]  
Kenneth & Mitch Robinson [50]  
Larry & Denise Fletcher [52]  
Gaylen & Maureen Jacobson [ 53]  
Gary & Dora Zmolek [53]  
John & Joyce Legg [52]  
Gary & Kathi Tomas [50]  
Gary & Kathryn Fattig [52]

## Stay up to date

 Cofsaints.org

 Circle of Saints

 Rev. Michael McAndrew

## Text for Updates

 Text COFSAINTS to 84576

 Texto SANTOS al [202] 765-3441

## Pray for..

Sandra Hayek, Dorothy Hayek, Scott Posusta, Jerry Dvorak, Jeff Dvorak, Ted Sharer, Carol Walton, Ryan Selken, Jayden Santoyo, George Mohrfeld, Eileen Hora, Ruth Squiers, Nona Paulsen, Maxine Boles, Maria Reyes, Erick Reyes, Maria del Carmen Orozco, Onnah Dvorak, Anthony Dvorak, John Gessener, Ashley Slinkard, Darcy Smith

*And anyone else suffering for any illness or injury including Veterans and the currently deployed military and their families.*

**Names will remain listed for three months. To add or renew a name, please contact the Parish Office at [641] 484-3039.**





### María, la Madre de Dios

La Iglesia Católica enseña que María es la Madre de Dios (Theotokos) porque concibió y dio a luz a Jesucristo, quien es plenamente Dios y plenamente humano. Esta interpretación se basa en la creencia de que Jesús es la Segunda Persona de la Trinidad, y el rol de María como su madre la convierte en la madre de la persona divina de Jesús.

Según el teólogo católico Tim Staples, la objeción más común a María como Madre de Dios, especialmente por parte de los fundamentalistas, aunque no solo ellos, es: «La palabra 'Madre de Dios' no se encuentra en la Biblia. Por lo tanto, no la aceptaré como cierta». Sin embargo, como explica, la palabra «Trinidad» no se encuentra en las Escrituras; sin embargo, la mayoría de los cristianos sostienen la existencia de la Trinidad (Dios Padre, Dios Hijo y Dios Espíritu Santo) como una verdad común.

Aquí hay una explicación más detallada de por qué María es la Madre de Dios:

**Jesús es Dios:** Como católicos, creemos que Jesús no es solo una persona humana, sino también Dios verdadero, la Segunda Persona de la Santísima Trinidad.

**María es la madre de Jesús:** Reconocemos a María como la mujer que concibió y dio a luz a Jesús, como se describe en los Evangelios.

**La lógica de la Theotokos:** Si Jesús es Dios y María es la madre de Jesús, entonces se deduce lógicamente que María es la Madre de Dios.

**Concilio de Éfeso:** El título de "Theotokos" (portadora de Dios) fue afirmado oficialmente por el Concilio de Éfeso en el año 431 d. C. para enfatizar que Jesús es una persona divina, no dos personas separadas (una humana y una divina).

**No adoración, sino veneración:** Si bien los católicos honramos a María con especial devoción (veneración), no la adoramos. La adoración (latría) está reservada solo para Dios.

**El rol único de María:** El rol de María como Madre de Dios se considera único y vital, ya que cooperó con el plan de salvación de Dios al traer a Jesús al mundo. María no le dio a Jesús ni su naturaleza divina ni su alma humana inmortal; sigue siendo su madre porque no solo dio a luz un cuerpo, un alma, una naturaleza, ni siquiera dos naturalezas; dio a luz a una persona: Jesús. Y esa persona es Dios.

**No solo maternidad biológica:** La Iglesia enfatiza que la maternidad de María no es solo biológica, sino también una relación espiritual y única con su Hijo, Jesús. Abordaremos esto con más detalle en otro artículo.

## Welcome to the 2025-2026

### Faith Formation Year!!

We welcome your family to journey with us this year into the heart of Jesus— "Where The Lamb & Child Meet". It is our joy to walk alongside you as your children grow in love, knowledge, and friendship with Christ.

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR 2025!

**Classes begin:** Wednesday, September 17

**Time:** 6:45–8:00 PM (weekly)

**Ages:** Pre-K (age 4) through 12th grade

**Our program includes:** Regular Faith Formation classes, Sacrament Preparation for First Communion & Confirmation. Class sites include Tama & Belle Plaine.

**Get your registration packet:** After Mass in the parish entryways, online at [www.cofsaints.org/faith-formation](http://www.cofsaints.org/faith-formation) or at the parish offices'.

**Deadline to register: Sunday, August 31**

Let's grow in faith together this year!



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### ¿Por qué "Viaje en la Fe"?

La siguiente información proviene del sitio web arquidiocesano "Viaje en la Fe". Puede leer más sobre esta importante iniciativa en: <https://www.dbqjourneyinfaith.org/>.

El nombre "Viaje en la Fe" se inspira en el Camino a Emaús (Lucas 24:13-35), donde dos discípulos, luchando con la incertidumbre, se encuentran con Cristo resucitado en su camino. Aunque al principio no lo reconocen, lo ven claramente al partir el pan y el encuentro los transforma.

En la historia de Emaús, el corazón de los discípulos ardía en ellos (Espíritu Santo). Fueron transformados a través del camino con Jesús. Los discípulos tuvieron que confiar; reconocieron a Jesús al partir el pan y fueron enviados a la misión.

Nuestra esperanza para este camino es que todos reconozcan a Jesús y se conviertan en discípulos misioneros. Después de la muerte de Jesús, muchos se sintieron abatidos y algunos lo están ahora por el futuro, pero debemos tener esperanza en el futuro y estar abiertos al Espíritu Santo. Jesús camina con nosotros y necesitamos tener los ojos abiertos y el corazón encendido. Hay un elemento de la historia de la salvación que debía ser revelado. Había nueva vida en Cristo y Él sigue aquí con nosotros. Al partir el Pan, se entrega.

Al igual que aquellos discípulos, en la Arquidiócesis de Dubuque recorreremos un camino de fe, confiando en que Cristo está con nosotros incluso en tiempos de cambio. Viaje en la fe no se trata solo de reestructuración; se trata de renovación, acompañamiento y misión. Se trata de profundizar nuestro encuentro con Cristo, fortalecer nuestras comunidades a través de la Eucaristía y ser enviados a compartir la Buena Nueva.

El Espíritu Santo nos llama a avanzar juntos: a confiar los unos en los otros, a transformar nuestra Iglesia y a hacerlo juntos. Si recorremos este viaje con valentía, fe y amor, escuchándonos unos a otros y a Dios, podemos renovar nuestra Iglesia y construir algo duradero para las generaciones venideras.